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1 **Complete Listing of the Claims with Amendments**

1. (Currently Amended) A fastener assembly comprising:

a plate having a bearing surface and an oppositely disposed top surface;

5 a stud held within said plate, said stud having a pointed end, an oppositely disposed head, and a shank, said head being disposed above said top surface, and a substantial portion of said shank being disposed above said top surface of said plate so that said stud may be received in the barrel of a power actuated gun; and

10 an extending portion extending from the bearing surface and away from the head of the stud; wherein said plate further comprises a groove corresponding in location to said extending portion.

2. (Canceled)

15 3. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further comprising:
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

4. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 3 wherein:

20 said extending portion extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

5. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further comprising:
said plate comprises a raised portion.

25 6. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 further comprising:
a cone formed on said plate, said cone holding said stud.

7. (Previously Amended) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 wherein:

30 said stud does not extend below the bearing surface.

8. (Previously Amended) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 wherein:

said stud extends below the bearing surface.

35 9. (Currently amended) A fastener assembly as in claim 1 wherein:

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1 the extending portion further serves as~~[[:]]~~ guide means, formed in said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly in a track.

10. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 5 further comprising:
5 means, formed in said plate, for assisting collapse of the raised portion.

11. (Currently amended) A fastener assembly comprising:
a plate having a bearing surface and an oppositely disposed top
10 surface;
a stud held within said plate, said stud having a pointed end, an
oppositely disposed head, and a shank, said head being disposed
above said top surface; and
guide means, placed on said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly
15 within a track, said guide means comprising an extending portion
extending from the bearing surface and away from the head of the
stud.

12. (Currently Amended) A fastener assembly comprising ~~as in claim 11~~
20 ~~wherein~~[[:]]~~~~;
a plate having a bearing surface;
a stud held within said plate; and
guide means, placed on said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly
within a track; wherein
25 said guide means comprises a groove.

13. (Currently Amended) A fastener assembly comprising ~~as in claim 11~~
~~wherein~~;
a plate having a bearing surface;
30 a stud held within said plate; and
guide means, placed on said plate, for guiding the fastener assembly
within a track; wherein
said guide means comprises a tab.

35 14. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 11 further comprising:
a raised portion formed in said plate.

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15. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 12 further comprising:
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate, and said groove
extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

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16. (Original) A fastener assembly comprising:
a plate having a raised portion;
a stud held within said plate; and
a plurality of grooves formed within the raised portion of said plate,
whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to collapse
when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated gun.

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17. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 16 wherein:
the raised portion of said plate has a substantially rectangular cross
section.

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18. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 17 wherein:
one of said plurality of grooves is placed at each corner of said
rectangular cross section.

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19. (Original) A fastener assembly as in claim 16 wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

20. (Original) A fastener assembly feeding system for use with a power
actuated gun comprising:

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- a plate;
a stud held within said plate;
an extending portion formed on said plate;
a feeding track; and
a mating portion formed on said track, said mating portion
complementing said extending portion,
whereby the fastener is guided along said feeding track.

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21. (Previously Amended) A fastener feeding system for use with a power
actuated gun as in claim 20 wherein:
said extending portion comprises a groove.

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22. (Previously Amended) A fastener feeding system for use with a power actuated gun as in claim 20 further comprising:

an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

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23. (Currently Amended) A fastener feeding system for use with power a power actuated gun as in claim 20[[:]] wherein:

said plate has a raised portion.

10 24. (Original) A fastener assembly feeding system for use with a power actuated gun comprising:

a plate having a bearing leg with a raised portion and an attachment leg;

a stud frictionally held within the raised portion of said bearing leg;

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a groove placed within said bearing leg between said stud and said attachment leg, said groove extending parallel to a plane of the attachment leg;

a foot formed on one edge of said bearing leg;

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a tab formed in said bearing leg and extending in a direction opposite to said foot;

a track portion adapted to receive said plate;

a mating portion formed in said track portion, said mating portion complementing and adapted to receive said groove; and

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a channel formed with said track portion, said channel adapted to receive said tab,

whereby a plurality of fastener assemblies are guided along said track.

25. (Previously Added) A fastener assembly as in claimed 12 further comprising:

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a raised portion formed in said plate.

26. (Previously Added) A fastener assembly as in claim 13 further comprising:

a raised portion formed in said plate.

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27. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 5, further comprising:

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1 an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

28. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 27, wherein:
said extending portion extends parallel to a plane of said attachment
5 leg.

29. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 28, wherein:
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said
plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to
10 collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated
gun.

30. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 29, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.
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31. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 5, wherein:
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said
plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to
collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated
20 gun.

32. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 31, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

25 33. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 14, further comprising:
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

34. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 33, wherein:
said extending portion extends parallel to a plane of said attachment
30 leg.

35. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 34, wherein:
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said
plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to
35 collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated
gun.

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36. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 35, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

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37. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 14, wherein:
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said
plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to
collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated
gun.

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38. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 37, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

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39. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 12, wherein:
said plate comprises a raised portion

40. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 12, further comprising:
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

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41. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 40, wherein:
said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

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42. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 41, wherein:
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said
plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to
collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated
gun.

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43. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 42, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

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44. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 39, wherein:
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said
plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to
collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated
gun.

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45. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 44, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

5 46. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 16, further comprising:
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

47. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 46, wherein:
said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

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48. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 47, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

15 49. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 23, wherein:
a plurality of grooves are formed within the raised portion of said
plate, whereby said plurality of grooves assists the raised portion to
collapse when the fastener assembly is driven by a power actuated
gun.

20 50. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 49, further comprising:
an attachment leg angularly attached to said plate.

51. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 50, wherein:
said groove extends parallel to a plane of said attachment leg.

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52. (New) A fastener assembly as in claim 51, wherein:
the raised portion of said plate comprises a portion of a cylinder.

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